

# EXHIBIT 1

**REFERRAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATTORNEYS, INCLUDING DISCLOSURE  
TO CLIENT AND CLIENT CONSENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULES OF  
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SECTION 2-200**

Layfield & Barrett, APC (Layfield) and The Dominguez Firm (JD) have agreed to enter into this referral and fee sharing agreement involving Aldo Villegas, Maria Villegas and Jose Villegas, who were involved in an auto accident on Interstate 215 near Little League Drive in San Bernardino County, on September 18, 2015.

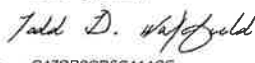
Layfield will manage and maintain exclusive handling of all legal work with respect to the Villega's case.

Layfield will advance all reasonable costs, expenses, and expert fees associated with the prosecution of this matter from the date of this agreement forward.

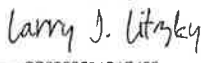
In consideration for this referral and work in the case, the gross attorney fees will be divided as follows:

**67% to Layfield and 33% to JD.**

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Larry J. Litzky  
Juan Avila, on behalf of JD

**DISCLOSURE TO CLIENT AND CLIENT CONSENT**

I understand that my legal fees will NOT be increased by reason of this division of fees listed above.

By signing below, I acknowledge this disclosure and my consent to this division of fees.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

 JKU-  
Jose Villegas

**ACUERDO ENTRE ABOGADOS DE REFERENCIA, INCLUYENDO LA  
DIVULGACIÓN AL CLIENTE Y CONSENTIMIENTO  
DEL CLIENTE EN EL CUMPLIMIENTO DE LAS REGLAS DE  
CONDUCTA PROFESIONAL SECCIÓN 2-200**

Layfield & Barrett, APC (Layfield) y la oficina de Juan Dominguez (JD) han acordado entrar en este caso referido a nuestra oficina y están en acuerdo en compartir pagos que involucran Aldo Villegas, Maria Villegas y Jose Villegas, que estaban en una colision de automoviles en la autopista 215 cerca de Little League Drive en el Condado de San Bernardino, en el dia 18 de septiembre del 2015.

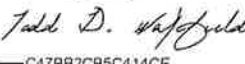
Layfield administrara y mantendra el manejo exclusivo de todo el trabajo legal con respecto al caso de los Villegas.

Layfield avanzará todos los costos razonables, los gastos y pagos de expertos asociados con el enjuiciamiento de este asunto a partir de la fecha de este acuerdo hacia adelante.


En consideration a esta referenda y el trabajo en el caso, el cobro total de abogados se dividira de la siguiente manera:

**67 % a Layfield y el 33 % a JD.**

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Juan Avila, Ede parte de JD

**DIVULGACIÓN DE CLIENTE Y CONSENTIMIENTO DEL CLIENTE**

Entiendo que mis gastos legales NO se incrementaran como consecuencia de esta division de los pagos que aparece arriba.

Al firmar abajo, reconozco esta description y mi consentimiento a esta division de pagos.

Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Jose Villegas

# EXHIBIT 2

**CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ATTORNEY FEE SPLIT AGREEMENT AND  
CLIENT CONSENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 2-200 OF THE  
RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA**

I, Maria Villegas, hereby acknowledge that Layfield & Barrett, APC ( "L&B") and The Dominguez Firm, both law firms, intend to share attorneys' fees in my case, known as Villegas v. San Bernardino CSD (DOI: 9/18/2015), provided that the case resolves favorably, for working together on my case. The attorneys intend to divide the fees as follows: L&B shall receive 67% of the total fees paid; and The Dominguez Firm shall receive the remaining 33% of the total fees paid. The attorneys' agreement to share fees as set forth above will not increase the total amount of attorneys' fees payable by me in connection with my case. The division of fees described above is based on an agreement between the attorneys involved, and the attorneys alone have the obligation to disburse the fees as set forth above. I, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 2-200 of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of California, hereby consent to the payment of referral or co-counsel fees as set forth herein. I acknowledge receipt of a copy of this acknowledgement and agreement.

CLIENT *Maria Villegas*

DATED:

By:

LAYFIELD & BARRETT, APC

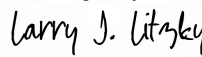


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The Dominguez Firm

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DATED: 5/3/2016

By: Larry J. Litzky


# EXHIBIT 3

**CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ATTORNEY FEE SPLIT AGREEMENT AND**

I, Aldo Villegas, by and through by Guardian ad Litem Jose Villegas, hereby acknowledge that Layfield & Barrett, APC ("L&B ") and The Dominguez Firm, both law firms, intend to share attorneys' fees in my case, known as Villegas v. San Bernardino CSD (DOI: 9/18/2015), provided that the case resolves favorably, for working together on my case. The attorneys intend to divide the fees as follows: L&B shall receive 67% of the total fees paid; and The Dominguez Firm shall receive the remaining 33% of the total fees paid. The attorneys' agreement to share fees as set forth above will not increase the total amount of attorneys' fees payable by me in connection with my case. The division of fees described above is based on an agreement between the attorneys involved, and the attorneys alone have the obligation to disburse the fees as set forth above. pursuant to the provisions of Rule 2-200 of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of California, hereby consent to the payment of referral or co-counsel fees as set forth herein. I acknowledge receipt of a copy of this acknowledgement and agreement.

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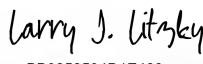
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DATED:

By: Todd D. Wakefield

5/3/2016

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By: Larry J. Litzky

# EXHIBIT 4





## Department of Risk Management

Kenneth L. Hernandez  
Director

December 7, 2015

**The Dominguez Firm**  
3250 Wilshire Blvd 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA. 90010

**RE:** Claimant..... Aldo Villegas, Maria Villegas & Jose Villegas  
Date of Loss..... September 18, 2015  
Amount of Claim..... Undetermined  
Our File..... 121345

Notice is hereby given that the claim which you presented to the County of San Bernardino on November 4, 2015 was rejected on December 7, 2015.

### WARNING

Subject to certain exceptions, you have only six (6) months from the date this notice was personally delivered or deposited in the mail to file a court action on this claim. See Government Code Section 945.6.

You may seek the advice of an attorney of your choice in connection with this matter. If you desire to consult an attorney, you should do so immediately.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Castanon".

Richard Castanon  
Liability Claims Rep II  
DEPARTMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT  
(909)386-8637

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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO    )

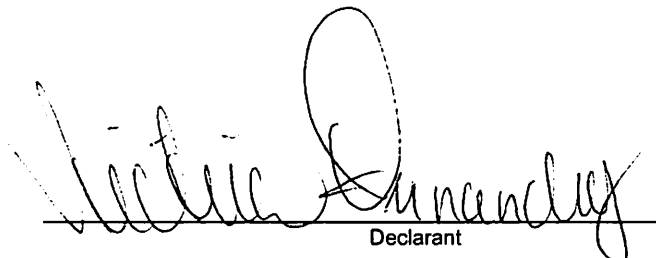
I, the undersigned, declare:

I am employed in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action; my business address is 222 West Hospitality Lane, Third Floor, San Bernardino, California, 92415-0016. I am familiar with this office's practice for collection and processing of documents for mailing with the United States Postal Service. The documents are deposited with the United States Postal Service on the same day in the ordinary course of business. On the date written below, I served the document named below on the parties indicated by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing from 222 West Hospitality Lane, Third Floor, San Bernardino, Ca. following ordinary business practice, addressed as follows, and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed on December 7, 2015 at San Bernardino, California.

**DOCUMENT: BSWARa**

**PARTIES SERVED:**

**The Dominguez Firm  
3250 Wilshire Blvd. 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA. 90010**

  
Declarant

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# EXHIBIT 5

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8 Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
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BY *Lisette Huezco*  
LISETTE HUEZO, DEPUTY

9 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
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14 Guardian Ad Litem, LILIANA JUAREZ,

15 Plaintiffs,

16 vs.

17 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, a  
18 government entity; RYAN CONNER, an  
19 individual; PAUL KOWALSKI, an  
20 individual; and DOES 1-100, inclusive,

21 Defendants.

CASE NO. CIVDS1606504

22 **NOTICE OF LIEN FOR ATTORNEY'S  
23 FEES AND COSTS**

Action Filed: April 28, 2016  
Trial Date: March 26, 2018

24 **TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

25 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that The Dominguez Firm, Inc. ("The Dominguez Firm") was  
26 formerly attorney of record herein for Plaintiffs JOSE VILLEGAS, MARIA VILLEGAS, and  
27 ALDO VILLEGAS, a minor (collectively, "Plaintiffs"). The noted Plaintiffs are prior clients that  
28 have written retainer agreements with The Dominguez Firm concerning this lawsuit.

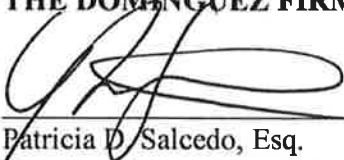
The Dominguez Firm, by way of this notice (and others made), asserts a lien ahead of all  
others, as to any recovery made by the identified Plaintiffs, whether by settlement, judgment, or  
otherwise, to secure payment for legal services rendered, all in accordance with the terms of the  
fee agreement.

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1 Dated: September 25, 2017

Respectfully submitted by:  
**THE DOMINGUEZ FIRM, INC.**

  
Patricia D. Salcedo, Esq.  
Former Attorneys for Plaintiffs

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and **not a party to this action**. I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. My business address is 3250 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 2200, Los Angeles, California 90010.

The fax number or electronic service address from which I served the document(s) is: (213) 388-9540 or janette.alpizar@dominguezfirm.com.

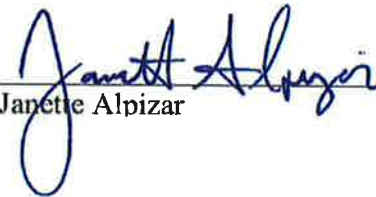
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**SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST**

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(State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 25, 2017, at Los Angeles, California.

  
Janette Alpizar



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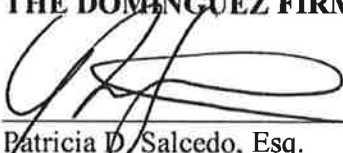
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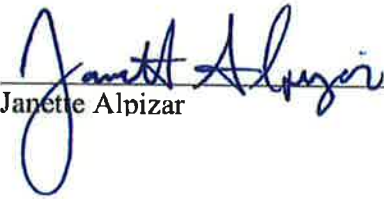
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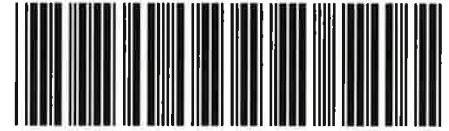
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Superior Court of California  
247 W. Third St, San Bernardino, CA 92415

CASE# CIVDS1606504

CASE TITLE: Villegas, et al VS. County of San Bernardino, et al

DOCUMENTS: Notice of Lien for Attorney's Fees and Costs

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HEARING DATE:

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## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

SEP 25 2017

Please file and conform. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 388-7788.

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# EXHIBIT 6

**Martin Kanarek**

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**From:** Philip Layfield <p@layfieldbarrett.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 9:17 AM  
**To:** vjdesimone@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Eber Bayona; Levi Plesset; Andrew Myers; Joe Barrett; Kendra Jones; Todd D Wakefield; Rita Mims; Andrew Schuh  
**Subject:** Villegas v. San Bernadino

Jim:

This confirms our discussion last night whereby we agreed to "joint venture" on the Villegas case under the following terms:

1. our firms will split the "net fees" 50/50 after paying the 25% referral fee to The Dominguez Firm; 2. L&B will continue to advance all costs; 3. L&B and your firm will jointly work up the case and divide work in a fair and equitable manner. More specifically, our firm will assign Eber Bayona (Senior Counsel), Levi Plesset (Senior Associate) and Andrew Meyers (Associate) to help you work the case up.
4. If it ends up going to trial, which I suspect it will, we will split up the trial duties between you and me, although we attempt to integrate members of L&B into the trial to help get them trial experience with agreed upon witnesses.

The statute of limitation is at the end of the month so we need to get the complaint filed and we discussed holding a press conference at the time of filing the lawsuit.

Levi:

Please forwards Jim your Memo and the case summary so he can take a look at our legal analysis of the causes of action and provide any input. We would like to get a draft of the complaint prepared mid-next week and ready for filing shortly thereafter.

Phil